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State Representative Kyle Janek

District 134

Representative Kyle Janek was first elected to the Texas Legislature in 1994. His district includes Bellaire, West University Place, Southside Place, and parts of southwest Houston.

A lifelong Texan, Kyle was born and raised in Galveston. He finished high school as class salutatorian and went on to attend Texas A&M University for his pre-med studies. There he received a Bachelor of Science in zoology and graduated Magna cum Laude in 1980.

Kyle went back to his hometown to attend medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch. Upon receiving his Doctor of Medicine degree, he took a residency in anesthesiology at UTMB; he served as a Chief Resident his final year. A board-certified anesthesiologist, Dr. Janek has been in private practice at Memorial Hospital Southwest since 1986. He is a partner in the firm of Greater Houston Anesthesiology.

Kyle got his start in elective politics with a run for the state House in 1992. Although he lost that election, he ran again for the same seat in 1994 and was successful. During his two terms he has served on the House Committee on Public Health and the Committee on Business and Industry.

As the only practicing physician in the Texas Legislature, Representative Janek has focused a great deal of energy on health care issues; special emphasis has been placed on restoring the decision-making rights of patients and doctors. He counts among his significant achievements the passage of H.B. 812, which was signed into law by Governor Bush in 1997. This law is designed to keep insurance companies from interfering in doctors' discussions of diagnosis and treatment options with their patients. Other areas of particular interest are juvenile crime, tax reform, and regulation of Texas businesses.

A fiscal conservative, Representative Janek was honored by the Free Market Foundation as one of the best legislators in the 74th session. In 1996, the Houston Jaycees named him to their list of Ten Outstanding Young Houstonians, and the Texas Jaycees followed suit by proclaiming him one of the Five Outstanding Young Texans that same year.

Kyle is married to the former Shannon Lynn Riddle. They make their home in West University Place and attend the Church of St. John the Divine.

